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Subject: HB4142 Attachment (8KB)

Dear Senator Casperson,

I am the owner of Precision Forestry Inc. of Onaway, MI, in the northern lower peninsula. Our business currently runs 40 Tractor trailers hauling logs and lumber throughout the Midwest and Canada. We also

Harvest all of our wood products running 10 logging crews. HB4121 is of incredible importance to our company as a whole. Most of our logs are hauled to the upper peninsula in escanaba, quinnesec, newberry and gwinn. With the stringent weight laws enforced on the mackinaw bridge, our company has gone above and beyond to be sure our trucks are loaded below the maximum threshold. We also have a woodyard in Indian River, MI, at that location we have installed a \$70,000 truck scale, for which we use to weigh every load of wood we haul. We also purchased a \$10,000 set of Haeni axle scales, the same the Michigan DOT use. Over the past few years we have had numerous tickets for being overweight on an axle. Non of our tickets have been over gross. These tickets have been a huge burden on our company as a whole. The FMCSA gives us a score in which the DOT follow to be sure we are maintaining our equipment, driving safe, and following hours of service. This score, called a CSA score, acts as a report card for us. Our insurance company bases liability and auto rates. These costs are a huge burden on a company. With our situation of overweight on an axle but not gross weight, it has begun to give our company negative exposure. I feel the axle weight law should be abolished and base it off of the gross weight. We are just one company but employ a total of 60 people, making our reputation and financial responsibilities very high. We feel we are going over and above with abiding the law. Please try to express the importance of this to your fellow congressmen

Thank You,

Mike Sturgill
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